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Mr. Clay Goode
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E-MAIL: foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Mr. Goode:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 28, 2019, which was received by the Washington Office FOIA Service Center, Office of Regulatory and Management Services on the same day. Your request was assigned FOIA Case number 2019-FS-WO-01785-F. You requested emails referencing President Trump and the budget for fire management in California.

We searched for hardcopy and electronic records everywhere a reasonably knowledgeable professional could expect to find responsive records. We found 77 pages: 75 pages are enclosed in full, and two (2) pages are enclosed with portions withheld in part pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b).

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Director, Fire and Aviation Management

Enclosures: (77 Pages)

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Romney, Zinke call for logging to prevent blazes

Published: Thursday, August 9, 2018

Senate candidate Mitt Romney is calling for measures to help prevent wildfires.

In an [essay](#) posted Tuesday on his campaign website, the Utah Republican advocated for more logging to clear out dead timber and thin forests. He also called for "a high-tech early detection system to spot fires before they grow to uncontrollable scale."

"If the devastation of wildfires were being caused by a foreign enemy rather than by natural causes, we would do and spend whatever it took to stop it," Romney wrote.

Fires are blazing across the West, and the largest wildfire in state history is burning in California.

Yesterday, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke also called for more thinning of forests in a *USA Today* [op-ed](#).

"The buildup of fuels is the condition we can and must reverse through active forest management like prescribed burns, mechanical thinning and timber harvests," Zinke wrote.

Jenny Wilson, Romney's Democratic challenger, criticized his plan for failing to address factors such as weather and drought that are linked to climate change.

Experts also criticized his call for an early detection system — including drones, satellites and sensors. They say detecting fires isn't a problem.

A system like the one Romney proposed would only be helpful for fires that start at night near urban areas and spread quickly, said Tom Cova, director of the University of Utah's Center for Natural and Technological Hazards (Lindsey Whitehurst, [AP/U.S. News & World Report](#), Aug. 8). — CC

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Ross orders NOAA action; Zinke slams 'radical' enviros

Rob Hotakainen, E&E News reporter

Published: Wednesday, August 8, 2018



The Carr Fire in California burned trees and boats at the Whiskeytown Reservoir in Shasta County last week. Laura Williams/California Bureau of Reclamation

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross today ordered NOAA Fisheries to use any federally regulated water necessary to fight wildfires in California.

In a statement, Ross said his department is doing "everything possible to help."

The move comes after President Trump earlier this week said that environmental policies were partly to blame for the fires.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke jumped into the fray today, as well, writing in an op-ed in *USA Today* that federal officials need to do more to clean up overgrown forest floors.

"Radical environmentalists would have you believe forest management means clear cutting forests and national parks, but their rhetoric could not be further from the truth," Zinke said.

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Trump says 'bad environmental laws' to blame for wildfires

Adam Aton and Anne C. Mulkern, E&E News reporters

Published: Monday, August 6, 2018

President Trump blamed environmental laws yesterday for intensifying wildfires in California in his first tweet about the ongoing disaster that has killed at least seven people.

"California wildfires are being magnified & made so much worse by the bad environmental laws which aren't allowing massive amount of readily available water to be properly utilized. It is being diverted into the Pacific Ocean," Trump wrote.

Trump seemed to be referring to proposals by some California Republicans to expand the Shasta Dam, located near the heart of the Carr Fire. Those plans aim to store more water for farms and residents instead of releasing it for river ecosystems ([E&E Daily](#), March 16) Firefighters aren't running out of water as they battle the blazes, experts said.

The White House, the Interior Department and the Forest Service declined to explain the president's remarks.

Trump's tweet went on: "Must also tree clear to stop fire spreading!"

More than 129 million trees have died since 2010 in California, a problem that state officials trace back to climate change.

"This is part of a trend — a new normal — that we gotta deal with," Gov. Jerry Brown (D) said Saturday in a news conference about the fires, adding that the disasters offer a chance for people to overcome ideological divisions.

After Trump's tweet yesterday, a spokesman for Brown said "this doesn't merit a response."

Others found it befuddling.

"This is gobbledegook bullshit," tweeted Peter Gleick, co-founder of the Pacific Institute and a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.

"California's forests and rangelands aren't dry and burning because of CA's water policies," Gleick said. "There's no shortage of water to fight fires."

Gleick continued: "California's forests are burning because of past severe drought and current extreme temperatures and weather, worsened by human-caused climate change, which you think, in your fantasy world, doesn't exist."

Firefighters from Australia and New Zealand are scheduled to arrive in Northern California today to help battle two huge blazes that were about half contained over the weekend. The Carr Fire has displaced more than 40,000 people, while the Mendocino Complex Fire has grown to the fifth-largest in state history.

The White House issued a major disaster declaration over the weekend. That activates additional personnel and funding; about 200 soldiers will join the effort this week.

With several major wildfires burning across California, officials suggested they would decide where to deploy the extra firefighters once they arrived.

"Fire season is really just beginning," Cal Fire Director Ken Pimlott said, explaining that such intense conditions used to come around the peak of the season.

"This will be the kinds of conditions we'll be facing all summer," he said.

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Zinke tours Calif. town, says blaze likely to cost billions

Published: Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Costs associated with a deadly Northern California wildfire will likely be in the billions, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said yesterday as he returned to the town of Paradise, saying he has never witnessed such devastation.

"There's a lot of things I'd rather spend this federal money on rather than repairing damage of things that have been destroyed," he said. Zinke nodded to other public services, such as improving visitor experiences at Yosemite National Park or thinning forests as options for spending money.

No additional remains were found yesterday, but the wildfire's death toll rose to 88 after investigators determined that three separate sets of human remains contained remains from more than one person.

Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea said 203 names remain on the list of those unaccounted for after the Camp Fire swept through the rural area 140 miles north of San Francisco. He released the names of 16 people who died in the blaze, ranging in age from 58 to 95.

The pace of new discovery of remains has slowed in recent days, and Honea said searchers are making "good progress" as they methodically sweep through any property where people may have died.

"The remains that we are now recovering are now remains that were almost completely consumed by the fire," he said. Anthropologists are sifting through bone fragments to help coroners identify the remains, he said.

The massive wildfire that destroyed nearly 14,000 homes in Paradise and surrounding communities was fully contained over the weekend after it was ignited more than two weeks ago.

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Federal Emergency Management Agency spokesman Frank Mansell told the Associated Press yesterday that \$15.5 million has been spent on housing assistance, including vouchers for hotel rooms.

FEMA also has distributed \$5 million to help with other needs, including funeral expenses, he said.

Zinke said building restrictions in fire-prone areas should be part of a discussion about protections from wildfires.

"When we rebuild, having a frank discussion whether it's appropriate to rebuild every place is an important part of the equation," he told the Associated Press. He did not say Paradise should avoid rebuilding, noting that the town has expanded evacuation routes and would likely be safer with more aggressive efforts to thin forests and built vegetation-free fire breaks that could stop advancing flames.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue joined Zinke on a tour of Paradise.

Perdue suggested donating timber from the nearby Plumas National Forest to rebuild the town.

Zinke and Perdue's trip marks their latest in a series of efforts to promote their message that lawsuits from environmentalists and government red tape stand in the way of thinning overgrown forests and mitigating the severity of wildfires in the future. The duo spoke to reporters in a conference call last week, and Zinke promoted a similar message on an earlier visit to Paradise.

The secretaries toured a parcel of forested land that had been aggressively managed in recent years to remove flammable brush, and called for easing federal and state regulations requiring environmental reviews before such work can take place.

"We need to get out of the litigation business and into the mitigation business," Perdue told reporters in a news conference in a charred section of downtown Paradise.

California lawmakers earlier this year approved \$1 billion in funding over the next five years for forest clearing operations. — *Jonathan J. Cooper, Associated Press*

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we may get some questions on the article regarding the meeting between the Sec and U/S on 1/8/19 with the recreation roundtable leaders about why the meeting occurred when we are in a lapse of funding/shutdown. Just something for us to be aware.



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[Florida Forest Service helping with downed trees](#)

WJHG-TV

We spoke to Florida **Forest Service** Center Manager, Mike Mathis, about what does happen to those trees. "Down timber in the major impact zone, ...

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Fence Post

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Wyoming Counties, Forest Service, Worry About Overuse in The Bighorns
County 3

"The **Forest Service** came to the coalition and asked them to assist them in putting together a citizens working group to really talk about dispersed ...

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Furloughed forest service fire captain says he's 'stressed out' over shutdown
The Hill (blog)

U.S. **Forest Service** Fire Captain Mark Munoz said on CNN's "New Day" that he may file for unemployment or be forced to seek out another job if the ...

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Day 20: Government shutdown taking a toll on TSA, BLM, & Forest Service
KKCO-TV

"We are a repository for BLM and **Forest Service**," said Erin Schmitz, curator of collections and archives for the Museums of Western Colorado.

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North Ogden man gets probation after rigged Forest Service fleet auction
Standard-Examiner

SALT LAKE CITY — A North Ogden man has been sentenced to two years of probation and fined \$2,000 after a rigged **Forest Service** surplus vehicle ...

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Federal shutdown has halted training, other wildfire prep — and it could get worse
Sacramento Bee

Training has been halted for thousands of western firefighters. The U.S. **Forest Service** can't award contracts for needed equipment. In forests across ...

Trump threatens to cut FEMA funds to aid California fires - ABC News

Now Trump Is Mad at Fire - Rolling Stone

President Trump, California spar over money for wildfire relief funds - whnt.com
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Community news and events for Jan. 10 and beyond
Ocala

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What the Shutdown Means for a Federal Worker with Debts to Pay

The New Yorker

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Trump said 'raking and cleaning' **forests** would prevent more devastating wildfires. But the ...

Business Insider

But the government shutdown has cut off funds for the US **Department of Agriculture** (USDA), including the **National Forest Service** and the ...

Trump blames California for wildfires and claims he will withhold FEMA aid for victims - Vox
Three West Coast Governors Ask for Double Federal Fire Funds as Trump Announces Cuts - Natural Gas Intelligence

West Coast governors ask for federal help to fight wildfires. Trump responds with threats. - ThinkProgress
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Impacts of government shutdown felt at Lake Tahoe
Tahoe Daily Tribune

Forest management and the closing of the U.S. **Forest Service**, which falls within the **Department of Agriculture**, is perhaps the largest impact at Lake ...



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Vets working without pay: Government shutdown leaves hundreds of thousands in the lurch

Military Times

And because he works for the **Department of Agriculture's** U.S. **Forest Service**, one of the agencies impacted by the ongoing government shutdown, ...



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Critical USDA functions operating during US government shutdown - but **agricultural** community is ...

FreightWaves

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Challis crowd stands up against more wilderness
Post Register

After Mark makes his recommendation, it's up to the chief of the **Forest Service**, the **secretary of Agriculture** and the president to do further review.



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La Verne split on what to do with wilderness area
Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

A draft of the plan was first presented to the Planning Commission in ... the U.S.

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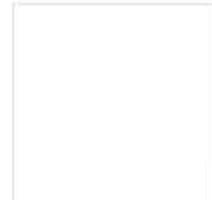
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Jeffrey Clemens et al., American Enterprise Institute

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Trump threatens to pull federal funding for California wildfires over 'gross mismanagement'

• BY MARK OSBORNE

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President [Donald Trump](#) woke up in Paris on Saturday in the mood to make threats toward California as it deals with deadly wildfires in Northern California and hundreds of smoldering homes in Southern California. In an angry tweet, the president threatened to pull federal funding for the state if nothing is done to "remedy" the situation.

Trump is [in Paris to take part](#) in a commemoration for the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. But his mind was still on the disaster unfolding out west in the U.S.

Nine people have died in a spate of wildfires that began this week. All of the deaths were as a result of the Camp Fire in the area of Paradise, California, near Chico. Almost the entire [city was decimated by flames](#) early Friday.

The president approved an emergency declaration for the state on Friday -- but warned he may not do the same in the future. Emergency declarations provide municipalities with air support, relief supplies and evacuation transport.



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Fire officials said Trump's statements, and remedies, were incorrect.

"We have plenty of water to fight these fires," Deputy Cal Fire Chief Scott McLean [said in a statement](#) in August. Nonetheless, the Trump administration announced it would override the [Endangered Species Act to provide extra water](#) -- not needed by the fire crews.

(MORE: Trump administration overrides endangered species protections to access water California's firefighters say they don't need)

He also criticized California's handling of forest fires at an Oct. 17 Cabinet meeting. During an exchange with Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, Trump called California "a mess" and "disgraceful."

"I say to the governor, or whoever is going to be the governor, of California: You better get your act together," Trump said. "Because California, we're just not going to continue to pay the kind of money that we're paying because of fires that should never be to the extent [they are]."



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Billions of dollars are sent to the State of California for Forest fires that, with proper Forest Management, would never happen. Unless they get their act together, which is unlikely, I have ordered FEMA to send no more money. It is a disgraceful situation in lives & money!